

Please amend the claims as follows:

81 SUB E 17 1. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein a second engaging recess is formed on an outer surface of said lid.

2. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 48 [47], further comprising a porous member fitted in an ink chamber defined by said housing and said lid, said porous member being impregnated with ink and engaging with said ink supply port.

SUB E 17 3. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], further comprising a seal member affixed to an outer surface of said lid, a portion of said seal member being removable.

4. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein said lid has a center line, and said engaging recess is disposed at a position which deviates from the center line of said lid.

5. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein said engaging recess has capacity sufficient to receive gas escaped from the ink cartridge when the ink cartridge is packed in a package under a degassed condition.

SUB E 17 6. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein the engaging recess engages with a rod projecting from a carriage of the printer onto which the ink cartridge is mounted.

7. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein said engaging recess is covered by a removable seal.

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8. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [46], wherein said cartridge holder includes a lever, said engaging recess engaging with a projection formed on a lever of a cartridge holder of the ink jet printer.

9. (Amended) The ink cartridge of claim 57 [55], wherein said engaging recess comprising a first section for receiving the projection of the lever and a second section for receiving the member of the printer, and said first section and said second section being formed continuously.

59. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 58, further comprising a seal member, wherein said wall has an outer surface, the recess being covered by said seal member adhered onto the outer surface of the wall of said housing.

60. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 58, further comprising a mounting lever mounted on the carriage wherein the member of the carriage comprises a rod projecting from the mounting lever.

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61. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 59, wherein plural number of said recesses are formed in the outer surface of said lid.

63. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 62, wherein said engaging hole means engages with a projection formed on the ink jet printer, the height of the projection being greater than that of the ink supply needle of the ink jet printer.

64. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 63, further comprising an abutment member which abuts against the projection of the ink jet printer when the ink cartridge is mounted in the improperly.

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65. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 63, wherein the projection extends from a lever of a cartridge holder of the ink jet printer.

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66. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 62, wherein said ink supply port and said engaging hole means are formed on a bottom of said housing.

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67. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 66, wherein said ink supply port protrudes from the bottom wall of said housing.

68. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 62, wherein said engaging hole means comprises an odd number of engaging holes.

69. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 62, wherein said engaging hole means comprises an even number of engaging holes.

70. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 68, wherein the position of said engaging holes are asymmetrical with respect to a center transversal line of said ink supply port.

71. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 68, wherein at least two of the engaging holes are disposed along a line.

72. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 69, wherein at least two of the engaging holes are disposed along a line.

73. (Amended) The printer [ink cartridge] of claim 62, wherein said engaging hole means is rectangular in cross section.

Please add new claims 83-90.

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83. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 42, wherein the engaging holes along the same line are formed by separate holes.

84. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 43, wherein the engaging holes along the same line are formed by separate holes.

85. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 68, wherein the engaging holes along the same line are formed by separate holes.

86. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 69, wherein the engaging holes along the same line are formed by separate holes.

87. (New) An ink jet printer, comprising:

a carriage, said carriage having a member extending therefrom;

a print head including a plurality of nozzles through which ink is ejected mounted on said carriage;

an ink cartridge, said ink cartridge being mounted on the carriage and, said ink cartridge comprising:

a housing having a wall and an opening,

a lid covering said opening of said housing;

an ink supply hole formed on said wall of said housing; and

at least one engaging recess formed on said wall of said housing, said engaging recess being engageable with a member of the printer when the ink cartridge is correctly mounted on the printer.

88. (New) The ink cartridge of claim 87, further comprising a seal member, wherein said wall has an outer surface, the recess being covered by said seal member adhered onto the outer surface of the wall of said housing.